GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NATURAL GAS RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the natural gas resources located in the country so far;

(b) the details of their potential and the extent to which the potential has been exploited;

(c) the manner in which natural gas is being used in the country;

(d) whether it is proposed to set up an agency to work out schemes for the gas resources; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a & b): The balance recoverable reserves of natural gas in the country as on 1.4.1999 is approximately 1020.61 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM). Cummulative production of natural gas in the country as on 1.4.1999 is approximately 306.974 BCM.

(c): The natural gas is being supplied to Power, Fertilizer and Petro-chemical plants and also to industrial units located in various States of the country.

(d & e): The exploration/exploitation of natural gas resources of the country is being done by National Oil companies like Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) and some Private and Joint Ventu Companies.